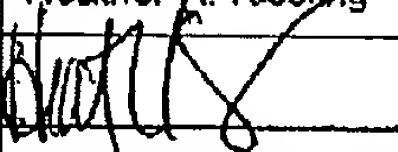



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| b. <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27   |  |
| c. <input type="checkbox"/> Other:  |  |
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